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THE MINT DIRECTOR'S PRONOUNCEMENTS: President's Message

HOBBY UNDER SIEGE!

Dear Numismatists:

We are all familiar with the typists cliche'--"Now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of their party". It was never more apt than at this time. The nasty dragon is a bill that became law January 1st of this year known as the "Young" bill and numbered as Assembly Bill 2967, Chapter 499 of the Business and Professions Code and AB 800 now in the Legislature seeking amendments to that bill.

Now, these instruments will not take from you your coin collections, but they will definitely dampen the ardor, if not the value of your rare coins.

The thrust of these actions--one already in effect--the other coming, is to materially restrict "free commerce" in the practice of buying, selling or trading coins with the resultant retardation of free coin transactions. ANY dealer in coins, after being fingerprinted and issued a license and number from the State of California will be required to REPORT ALL coin purchases together with the FULL DOCUMENTED IDENTFICATION of the seller--perhaps you--which ALL would be recorded in a computer for the State in Sacramento.

With the high crime rate given as the necessity for this procedure, if you simply let your thoughts dwell on just what effect it might or could have on you, consider the reporting of possibly 15,000 transactions as is the average at any good coin show; consider that EACH dealer would have to be registered and numbered, just to be there; consider how you would feel with your total dealings with any and all coin purveyors, even you, being recorded for all to see in a computer in Sacramento and lastly, consider the impact on all coin shows, coin clubs--and importantly--the ultimate relation this would have on those who might have invested in coins only to learn the market faltering because . . . . . .

It would seem that those who might interest themselves in this state of affairs might well inquire of their representative Assemblyperson, the Committee on Business and Professions in Sacramento, or the attorney ably representing the Northern California Professional Numismatic Assocation, one Henry O. Noffsinger, 3688 Mount Diablo Blvd., Lafayette, Calif. 94549.

Our NCNA Coin Show THIS year is NOT AFFECTED--but next year. . . . . .???

Mrs. Lillian M. Hooker
NCNA President

THE MINTMASTER'S QUILL: An Editor's Prerogative

My Friends:

Well, now NCNA Heads and Tales has achieved a Second Issue which is cause for joy, since I was attending Suumer School until recently and did not know if I would have the time to get this Issue out before July ended.

I thank all the coin clubs that have sent their periodicals. Reading other coin club newsletters or bulletins makes me feel that I am part of their activities. Northern California is blessed with several active coin clubs. If a NCNA member is not a member of a local coin club, I strongly suggest that he join and be part of one.

NCNA will have its annual Coin Show at the Jack Tar Hotel in San Francisco on September 17-20, 1981. Plan to attend. This Coin Show is one of your best bargains these days.

With the recent drops in gold and silver prices, our hobby finds itself in a transition as investors and speculators, I am sure, are leaving for better returns elsewhere and the rest of us are waiting to see what happens.

It has been my belief that during these past few years severe damage has been done to our hobby by having prices rise to levels that block many from entering into collecting and for those already collecting from building their sets, plus turning huge amounts of numismatic items into ingots.

Hopefully, with declining prices, stability and numismatic interest will replace wild speculation and investment.

I do not decry the investment aspect of our hobby--I admit openly to have benefited from rising values--which is a tangible asset of our hobby. Yet, my belief is that coin collecting is first a science--the study and interest in the coin and all its facets: design, grading, background, historical factors, mint, et cetera. This is what I enjoy about our hobby.

It is something that I condemn the speculators for not enjoying or considering. Now, maybe they have left coins and precious metals, as with real estate and philately, stamps, two other areas that are also in transition.

My strongest and most intense dislike for the speculator and his compatriot, the survivalist, is that they destroy hope and faith and breed fear and insecurity. Of course, this statement could lead to very hot debates which is behind the scope of my Editorial or NCNA Heads and Tales purpose.

However, let me state that my hope and faith are not just in

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PROOF STRIKES: Special Thanks

There are several individuals who took time to write to me and to report on their coin clubs or other matters. Since they in their letters extended moral support, I wish to reciprocate in this Issue and thank them:

Aldo P. Basso of Manila, Philippines. Mr. Basso is a former NCNA President, and it was good to hear from him. We wish him and his wife, Nati, much good luck.

Maxine Bryce of San Francisco. Miss Bryce is heavily involved both in PCNS and CSNA. It was an honored to receive her note of congratulations and encouragement.

Virginia M. Harris of the Fremont Coin Club. Mrs. Harris is FCC Secretary, and she sent a detailed letter giving all the current FCC facts which was very appreciated.

Clemens McClaskey of the Eureka Coin Club. Mr. McClaskey was the first response received to my January letter. His letter with ECC details was appreciated, and, Mr. McClaskey, I belive Eureka's Coin Show won the race.

Jan D. Henke of the Fairfield Coin Club. Mr. Henke is FCC's hard-working, deicated Secretary. His letter and moral support were most appreciated.

Dennis Daniel of the Diablo Numismatic Society. Mr. Daniel's letter and offer of assistance and support are most humbly appreciated.

Jere E. Lefever of the Gateway Coin Club. Mrs. Lefever and I corresponded, and I appreciated her promptness and cooperation. The invitation to the GCC I hope soon to keep.

Bruce Frohman of the North Bay Coin Club. Mr. Frohman is NBCC's President, and I thank him for his letter and the invitation which I hope soon to honor.

Denis M. Hooker of NCNA. Mr. Hooker, both current NCNA Second Vice-President and former NCNA President, mailed a friendly letter after the First Edition, and his gesture was most warmly felt.

Lastly, O.L. Wallis of numismatics throughout our state. Mr. Wallis letters, advice, comments, and inspiration are most sincerely thanked. It is honored to have his support.

In addition to these individuals listed, I thank others and pray that I and this NCNA Heads and Tales are worthy of their thanks and support.

GOLD MINER DIGGINGS: NCNA News and Happenings

NCNA Medal

As was announced in the April Issue, the NCNA to commemorate both its 20th Anniversary, being founded in August, 1961, and the 75th of the 1906 San Francisco Earthquake and Fire is issuing both silver and bronze medals. These medals also continue the NCNA tradition of a medal struck every five years.

The reverse design will have a scene representing the 1906 San Francisco Earthquake and Fire. The obverse will be the NCNA's prospector/gold miner logo design. Exact details are not known at this time. The design is the same for both the silver and bronze.

The silver medals are sold at $20.00 each with the price including postage and handling. There is only a limited number available which are not serial numbered. The medals are sold on a 'first-come-first-served' bases.

The bronze medals are sold at $2.00 each with the price including postage and handling. The medals are also sold on a 'first-come-first-served' bases.

Medals can be ordered from: "Edward Sins, NCNA Treasurer, PO Box 5075, San Jose, California, 95150". Please include payment in full--No COD or Credit--plus your full name and correct, current address with ZIP Code.

Please Note: Medals will be mailed as they become available from the manufacturer; orders may be delayed due to the manufacturer's production schedule. Please be patient. Thanks.

NCNA Annual Jack Tar Coin Show

Each September, the NCNA holds its annual Coin Show at the Jack Tar Hotel, Geary and Van Ness, San Francisco. This year's 20th Anniversary Coin Show will be on September 17, 18, 19, and 20th.

The four day Coin Show is FREE, and hours are 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM, Daily, except Sunday, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

The main attraction of this nationally known Coin Show is its Bourse which will have both local coin dealers and coin dealers from across the country. There certainally will be a varied and extensive offering of numismatic material.

Mark your calendars today and plan to attend.

NCNA Board of Directors Meetings

All NCNA member coin clubs are invited and encouraged to send a club representative to the quarterly NCNA Board of Directors Meetings. The next Meetings are:

August 9, 1981
September 20, 1981
November 29, 1981

All Board Meetings are on Sunday afternoons beginning at 1:30 PM at the Jack Tar Hotel, Geary and Van Ness, San Francisco. Check at Registration Desk for room location.

NCNA Services

As a service to its members and as a program help to its member coin clubs, the NCNA supports and maintains a Library.

Though small, the Library does have a variety of books readily available to the interested member.

Books may be borrowed from: "Dick Smith, NCNA Librarian, PO Box 11182, Palo Alto, California, 94306". Please include your full name and current, correct address with ZIP Code.

These are the NCNA Library Lending Rules:

1. Borrower must be a member (individual or club) in good standing with NCNA or a bona fide club which, in the opinion of the Librarian, is reliable.

2. Borrower shall pay for insured postage both directions.

3. Borrower shall return borrowed items no later than 30 days after receipt.

4. Borrower is responsible for any damage or loss of borrowed items and shall pay NCNA the cost of any replacement.

As part of its services, the NCNA is committed to the maintenance of its Library as a service in the support of the numismatic hobby. Members are asked to send recommendations to the Librarian for items which should be added to the Library holdings.

Also available for coin club programs is the film, "The Granite Lady", which is a color 16mm sound film on the history of the old San Francisco Mint Building, commonly called The Old Mint. Coin clubs should contact the NCNA Librarian if they wish to reserve and borrow this film.

NCNA Library List (July, 1981)

Listed below are the current books in the NCNA Library. They are identified by author and title.

Allen, Lyman L., A Catalog of Philippine Coins, Third Edition

Basso, Aldo P., Coins, Medals and Tokens of the Philippines

Becker, Thomas W., Pageant, World Commemorative Coins, Their Meaning and Symbolism

Betts, C. Wyllys, American Colonial History Illustrated by Contemporary Medals

Bowers, Q. David, Coins and Collectors

Bowers, Q. David, High Profits from Rare Coin Investment

Clain-Stefanelli, Elvira and Vladimir, The Beauty and Lore of Coins, Currency and Medals

Craig, William D., Coins of the World, 1750-1850, First Edition

Craig, William D., Coins of the World, 1750-1850, Third Edition

Davenport, John S., German Talers, 1700-1800

Freiberg, Ralph, et al, Atwood's Catalogue of United States and Canadian Transportation Tokens

Friedberg, Robert, Coins of the British World

Harris, Robert P., A Guide Book of Modern European Coins

Harris, Robert P., A Guide Book of Modern Latin American Coins

Kappen, Charles V., California Tokens

Klawans, Zander H., An Outline of Ancient Greek Coins, Second Edition

Klawans, Zander H., Reading and Dating Roman Imperial Coins, Fourth Edition

Newell, Edward T., Royal Greek Portrait Coins

Newman, Eric P., The Early Paper Money of America, Bicentennial Edition

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American Numismatic Association, Ancient and Medieval Coins, Selection from The Numismatist

American Numismatic Association, Modern Foreign Currency, Selection from The Numismatist

American Numismatic Association, United States Coins, Selection from The Numismatist

American Numismatic Assocation, Paper Money, Tokens, Medals, and Miscellaneous, Selection from The Numismatist

Overton, Al C., Early Half Dollar Die Varieties

Slabaugh, Arlie R., United States Commemorative Coinage

Stewart, Frank H., History of the First United States Mint

Taxay, Don, The United States Mint and Coinage

Van Allen, Leroy C. and Mallis, A. George, Comprehensive Catalogue and Encyclopedia of United States Morgan and Peace Silver Dollars

Verbanec, William R., Handbook of Gold Coin Technology

Walker, Doris, Philatelic Numismatic Covers

Yeoman, R. S., Current Coins of the World, First Edition

All NCNA members are encouraged to use the NCNA Library. As additional items are included in the Library, the author and titles will be listed in NCNA Heads and Tales. However, for the most current listing, please contact the NCNA Librarian.

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POSTED FOR YOUR INFORMATION: News and Happenings

Enclosed with this Issue is a Membership Application for CSNA--California State Numismatic Association--which is the statewide numismatic organization.

CSNA, since being founded in 1947, has promoted our hobby. It has several benefits and services worthwhile to NCNAers not already members.

I encouraged those not CSNA members to join. One immediate benefit is the quarterly journal, Calcoin News.

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BRANCH MINT REPORTS: Club Happenings

Received bulletins or newsletters from these coin clubs:

Fairfield Coin Club
Gateway Coin Club
Pacific Coast Numismatic Society
Delta Coin Club
Liberty Numismatic Society
San Jose Coin Club
Fremont Coin Club
Peninsula Coin Club
Redwood Empire Coin Club
San Francisco Coin Club

Their support is most appreciated. Please continue to send to me your club's periodical. I certainally enjoy reading these bulletins or newsletters which show that there are several fine, active coin clubs in northern California.

Fairfield Coin Club Though small in membership, FCC has a determined group of members and officers. GEORGE FLANNAGAN, FCC Treasurer for many years, was selected as the club's first Life Member. JAN HENKE, FCC's dedicated Secretary and Editor, has compiled two binder scrapbooks of FCC memorabilia: its newsletters, lists of officers, members by years, photos, et cetera which is an excellent historical record of this coin club. The big event for this club these past few months was its annual May Potluck on May 27th which I attended and had a great time. FLOYD HICKS, JR. brought as his dish, Shakey's Pizza; now, is not that a change for a Potluck dinner!

Gateway Coin Club While other coin clubs have problems getting a newsletter or bulletin written, printed, and mailed regularly as in once a month, the GCC plans "to allow the Newsletter to be published bimonthly (one newsletter just prior to each meeting)." I am sure this is a very unique situation, and the GCC must be really a go-gether coin club! May 17th was the date of the GCC annual Coin and Stamp Show: SEAN MOFFATT won the First Place Exhibit Award and RON LUND won both the Second and Third Place Exhibit Awards. The club has continued its series of talks on coin grading. As its Newsletter Editor noted, "If you can't grade coins yourself then you are at the mercy of everyone else. Not a very enviable position." Now, that is food for thought.

Pacific Coast Numismatic Society Certainally the most honored and oldest coin club in the western United States. Its membership list reads as a 'Who's-Who's' of American numismatics. Its two greatest assets are: first, its Secretary and Editor, MAXINE BRYCE, who issues a four page Bulletin each month, and second, the outstanding and educational talks at each meeting: WILLIAM WISSLEAD, April 29th, on the "The Great White Fleet" and STEPHEN HUSTON, May 27th, on "Medieval Coins". Each June, the PCNS hold its annual Anniversary

Dinner; this year's was their 66th! If you are ever in San Francisco on the last Wednesday evening, make an effort to attend this club' meeting--You will not regret it.

Delta Coin Club Plans and is working on its annual two day Coin Show for this October 24th and 25th. ELDEN ENZMINGER will handled both the Bourse and Raffle and KATHY BELDT will be charge of Exhibits. At its May 27th meeting, the Auction had 73 lots! Can you believe that? June 26th was the date of the club's annual Summer Picnic These activities are signs of a strong and lively coin club.

Liberty Numismatic Society Has heard two fine speakers these past few months: O.L. WALLIS, May 5th, on "Charles A. Lindbergh" and OSMYN STOUT, in March, on "Chinese Currency". LNS has agreed under the leadership of ED FULWIDER to host the Spring CSNA Convention in April, 1982. That is evidence of a dedicated membership. A cartoon caption in its April Bulletin shows a bank teller lecturing a would-be robber: "And don't miss club meeting next Tuesday!" I am sure we all get its message.

San Jose Coin Club Has elected its 1981 officers: LARRY BENSON, President; KEN BARR, Vice-President; CAROL FARREN COVARRUBIAS, Recording Secretary; MARSHALL MYERS, Correspondence Secretary; E.P. 'WALLY' WALLAKER, Treasurer; ED SINS, Librarian; RON PERELLI, Historian, and THOMAS KRAUSS, Junior Vice-President. San Jose is presently conducting a survey with its members about the club's meetings: time, date, location, program, et cetera. SJCC also has issued another medal which features a design representing the San Jose City Rose Garden. ED SINS spoke on "Continental Currency" at the June 17th meeting which also was his twentieth year of perfect SJCC meeting attendance.

Diablo Numismatic Society Has been experimenting with listing Auction lots in the Diablo Die-Break, its newsletter, so members know ahead what will be in the meeting's Auction. Not a bad idea. The DNS also plans with the aide of a cooperative retailer to purchase a quantity of 1982 Red Books at wholesale and sell them at reduce prices its members. Another not bad idea. SAM RUMPH wrote up a list of ten "Numi-Stats" for the Diablo Die-Break's June issue: "8. "Bobby," "Silly and Petite" heads all refer to varieties of 1839 large cents." Learn something new everyday.

Fremont Coin Club Honored its Senior members, those over 70 years old, at a special "Senior Citizen Night" on May 26th. VINCE LACARIERE, IRIS ATKINSON, and CAL WILSON were the FCC members speaking last April. FCC did two events these past weeks: its annual Picnic on June 29th and its annual Golf Tournement on May 24th. The FCC lists in each newsletter both the Raffle and Door Prizes for the month's meetings. I say that is a good idea for any coin club. FCC's 9th Annual Coin Show is on August 16th. Mark your calendar. Those interested in exhibiting are invited to contact: "ROBERT V. ATKINSON, Exhibit Chairman, PO Box 1401, Fremont, CA, 94336".

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Vallejo Numismatic Society Which is not listed at the start of this feature, but has sent its Bulletin regularly, had its 9th Annual Vallejo Coin Show last April 26th, and has scheduled its 10th Annual Vallejo Coin Show for April 18, 1982. For the Summer months, the VNS has planned a "Member Talk Series". It began with GENE FEIERSTEIN at the June 3rd meeting speaking on "Copper Coinage of the Soho Mint" which also included an outstanding display of that Mint's coinage. The next was JIM MURPHY, VNS Vice-President, talking at the July 1st meeting on "Roosevelt Dimes". At that meeting, O.L. WALLIS loaned for display his award-winning exhibit, "John Wayne's Medal". The last will be DON SCHUELAR at the August 5th meeting, and his topic will be "Coin Market: Past, Present, and Future". The VNS gave recognition to the twenty-four members who worked at and on its 1981 Coin Show in a special "Honor Roll" printed in its June Bulletin. Best of Luck to my home coin club.

I wish that I could report more on these coin clubs, but have not received much.

Peninsula Coin Club Has been running a series on numismatic terms in its newsletter. The theme at is June meeting was "Dollars".

Redwood Empire Coin Club Is working on and has already sent out publicity on its upcomming November 22nd 14th Annual Coin Show at the "Veteran's Memorial Building, 1094 Petaluma Blvd., South, Petaluma, CA".

San Francisco Coin Club Had THOMAS HARRINGTON of the Secret Service speaking, on what else, "Counterfieting" at its March 24th meeting.

I wish that other coin clubs could be listed and reported, but with no information--newsletters and bulletins particularly--there is no way. Please send to me your club's actvities and notices. Thanks.

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tangible assets but also in my country and its vast potential. Call this old fashion patriotism or naive observation of reality. But, in teaching United States History, one fact becomes paramount: "This great Nation will endure as it has endured, will revive and will prosper".

Those words were spoke by Franklin D. Roosevelt in his First Inaugural Address when gold did circulate as money, but it failed to prevent a Depression.

Best Wishes and Thanks.

Numismatically Yours,

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